

Mexico deported 250,000 illegals last year. And Mexico criminalized illegal immigration, making it a felony punishable by 2 years in prison.

Now Mexico hypocritically criticizes our having National Guard troops on the border.

We have a saying in this country: Actions speak louder than words.

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the do-nothing Congress is in session today to enact a sham budget.

Let me explain why I say that. There is a provision in that budget which raises the debt limit. Now, if you are balancing the budget, why are you implying you are going to go out and borrow more money? If one of your children said, "Well, Dad, I am making \$40,000 this year, but my wife and I have decided to take \$100,000 in a home equity loan so we can pay for whatever we want," you would tell your son or your daughter that was fiscally irresponsible.

What the Republicans are doing is borrowing more than \$300 billion from the Chinese, the Japanese, and anybody else who will give us money, and they are giving it in a tax cut to the people earning \$1 million a year. They are going to get over \$100,000 back from the borrowing. That is what this budget really does. It is a sham. It doesn't balance anything, and it should be rejected, both by the Congress and the people on election day in November.

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CONGRATULATING MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marietta High School in Cobb County, Georgia, on an outstanding accomplishment.

This past week, Marietta High School was honored as one of the top 5 percent of all high schools in America by Newsweek magazine. The magazine praised the school's commitment to student achievement and noted the high number of advanced placement and international baccalaureate students at Marietta.

When I served as chairman of the Marietta City School Board, I was always impressed by the school's deep commitment to student achievement. This award is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Principal Leigh Colburn, Assistant Principal Donna Thornton and all the faculty and staff at Marietta High School. They are doing an incredible job educating our children, and I

should know. After all, I am the proud parent of four former Marietta High School students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Marietta High School on this impressive achievement, and in thanking the school for its dedication to developing the minds of our community's rising leaders.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS NEED TO STAND UP TO BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND HELP AMERICA'S SENIORS

(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans have failed millions of American seniors by choosing once again to rubber-stamp the harmful policy of the Bush administration. Despite the fact that recent polls show only 55 percent of seniors knew about the May 15 sign-up deadline for a private prescription drug plan, House Republicans refused to join us in extending the deadline until the end of the year.

Now, millions of seniors who have yet to sign up cannot until the end of the year. House Republicans and the Bush administration will also penalize them when they sign up with at least a 7 percent tax on their premium, a tax that they will be forced to pay every month for the rest of their lives.

Our seniors are not to blame for this complicated and confusing prescription drug law. It is so confusing that the people who are attempting to answer the seniors' questions about the different plans are giving out wrong information more than half of the time.

Once again, the House Republicans have failed American seniors.

PROPOSED BUDGET REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND REFORM

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, with record deficits and national debt, today the House of Representatives will take on one of our most important duties every year. We will consider a budget resolution.

Thanks to the leadership of Speaker DENNIS HASTERT, we will be bringing a budget to the floor that will reaffirm our commitment to fiscal discipline and reform. By holding the line on the President's number on domestic spending and by including a rainy day fund for the first time ever, Republicans will say to millions of Americans, troubled by a sea of red ink, we hear you and this Republican Congress is ready to make the hard choices to put our fiscal house in order.

I urge all of my colleagues to stand together today, Republicans and even

Democrats, to support this budget resolution.

PROPOSED BUDGET A FISCAL CATASTROPHE

(Mr. POMEROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, the preceding 1 minute could not have been more false. Today's budget raises the debt limit again, today's budget will add deficits in each of the years of its operation, today's budget will bring the national debt to \$9.6 trillion, and to hear words on the floor of this House about this being a budget of fiscal discipline, this being a budget responding to the concerns of taxpayers worried about red ink, that is pure unadulterated hooey.

This budget is a fiscal catastrophe. It raises the debt limit in May, just after we raised the debt limit in March.

Anyone thinking that the Nation's finances have spun completely under control under the consolidated power of this administration and this Republican Congress needs only to look at this budget and only needs to look at the fact that they are back at the bank one more time, raising the debt limit, to understand the deep trouble that we are in.

THE BENEFITS OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I am excited about the benefits of the Medicare D prescription drug plan. I have two stories I would like to relate to you and to my colleagues.

I have one lady who is saving \$24,000 a year by now taking part in Medicare part D. For the first time in years, she now is back on the road driving because she couldn't afford to buy automobile insurance. So not only is she saving money, but she is now free again to take part in activities that she for so long put aside.

Another HIV-positive disabled individual is saving \$15,000 a year accessing the Medicare D prescription drug plan.

So it is a plan that is working. For those that did not sign up, I would encourage our seniors to continue to investigate it. At the most, it will be an additional \$25 premium if they sign up in May. And if you are low income, there is never a penalty. Low-income seniors who take access even now will never pay a Medicare D prescription drug penalty, because the program was designed for the poorest of all seniors so they wouldn't have to make a choice between food and prescription drugs.